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1. Production of 60 large suction dredges for the USSR is in full swing at the CKD shipyards in Prague. The Soviets have insisted that one dredge must be delivered in Szczecin each month.
2. The first of these 60 dredges was dispatched to Szczecin, without trials, on 11 November 1954. It sailed along the following route:  
 From Prague down the Elbe River to Magdeburg, thence along the Ihle Canal to the Havel River and Berlin, and from Berlin over the Finow Canal to Hohensaathen; then down the Oder River to Szczecin.
3. The second dredge was due to leave Prague on 22 December 1954. Each one is followed on the trip to Szczecin by a barge carrying those parts of the dredge which are too high to pass under the bridges.
4. The pipe system of the dredges is manufactured at the shipyard in Melnik.

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